the overdues of the Various State Electricity Boards are reduced;

(b) if so, what is the position of the overdues of the SEBs when the condition to reduce the overdues was laid down by the World Bank stating the extent of reduction in the overdues desired by the World Bank;

(c) what is the present position with regard to the overdues of the SEBs; and

(d) what is the assistance provided by Government to meet the conditionabilities of the World Bank by the NTPC to get the loan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d) One of the conditions of the World Bank has been that the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) maintain an overall accounts receivable level not exceeding two months of sales equivalent. Similar conditions exist in existing covenants between NTPC and the World Bank. In June, 1992 the NTPC's outstanding due excluding surcharge were 4.1 months of sales equivalent. The outstanding dues from the State Electricity Board as on 31.1.1993 has been reduced to 3.6 month's of sales equivalent excluding surcharge. However, taking into account the appropriation from the Plan assistance of the defaulting states done by the Central Government the total outstanding would be less than 2 months of sales equivalent.

Project earmarked for rural electrification Corporation

954. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the power project ear-marked for the rural Electrification corporation in different parts in the country during the next five years;

(b) whether State Government would be providing Finance in full or in part;

(c) whether some of the foreign firms have expressed their willingness to provide term loans for such projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Rural Electrification Corporation provides financial assistance to the States for electrification of villages, energisation to pumpsets, System Improvement Schemes and for rural electric co-operatives. The funds to be provided for each of the States under the various programmes are decided by the Planning Commission on year to year basis, after discussion with the concerned States. The REC provides funds to the extent of 100 percent for its schemes except for Special Project Agriculture (SPA) schemes which is being financed by REC. NABARD and Commercial Banks on equal basis.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Delay in disconnecting the electric meter by DESU

955. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking takes a very long time in disconnecting electric meter installed in Government quarters which delays the surrender of the quarter;

(b) whether there is any time limit prescribed for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether complaints have been received by DESU from superannuating Government servants regarding the delay in disconnection of electric meter; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken to see that the meters are disconnected immediately in the cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (e) According to DESU, the process of disconnection of supply to a surrendered Government accommodation is normally completed in two days time subject to receipt of formal request from the outgoing allottee and payment of the final bill by him. However, any specific case of undue delay in disconnecting the supply of a surrendered Government accommodation can be looked into by DESU.

Tehri Hydel Project

956. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tehri Hydro Development Corporation has been given sanction of funds to proceed ahead with the construction work of the Tehri Dam and other jobs related to the project;

(b) if not, at what stage of consideration the project is at present and by when it is likely to be cleared; and

(c) whether earlier objections and conditions laid down by various Government agencies, and advisory bodies regarding safety of the Dam, ecological aspects and rehabilitation of the probably oustees have withdrawn or not?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) A proposal for resuming work on the Tehri project and sanction of funds from Plan resources for execution of essential works during the current working season is under the active consideration of Central Government. Simultaneously, due to the non-availability of Soviet assistance, alternate source of funding is also being explored.

(c) Government has through several Committees, Experts of International repute and specialised agencies examined the safety of the Tehri Dam due to its location in a seismic area and have fully established the safety of the Tehri Dam. The Project has also received clearance from ecological and rehabilitation aspects subject to implementation of conditions laid down by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

Funds sanctioned for Tehri Hydro Development Corporation

957. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the year-wise amount sanctioned by the Central Government for Tehri Hydro Development Corporation during the last three years;

(b) whether the amount so sanctioned was fully utilised by the Corporation, if not the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the amount was withheld, if so, the year-wise deaths thereof and also the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) The information is as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

S.No.	Year	Central Budget Allocation	Funds released to THDC	Funds Utilised by THDC	Reasons for variation
1	1990-91	168	168	169.16	..
2	1991-92	170	83.55	79.00	On account of disintegration of the Soviet Union, Soviet Credit for the Project through the Budget was not available. THDC could not utilise funds as substantial amount was released after identifying savings from other sources on 31-3-92.
3	1992-93	50	43	79.89	The spill-over of the funds available from the previous year were spent on various activities.